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For a while it looked like the DIPLOMAT might become so rare as Costaguana in January, but somehow, here we are again. Having been in business for a little over one year, we were a bit surprised that, in a recent listing of those Diplomacy mags in existence, THE DIPLOMAT was listed as one of the "old" mags. This has caused some thought at this end of our typewriter. It has occurred to us that there may be some people out there who might wish to start their own mags. This issue is designed to encourage/caution those people. One other thought is important at this point: The chances are that Postal Diplomacy was invented more than the three times known to us. It may be that some Postal Diplomacy mags were born, spent their lives, and went out of print without ever getting the contact with the mainstream of Postal Diplomacy. This contact is vital as we see it, to help a potentially good mag develop and grow. If it had not been for contact with Conrad von Hake at a crucial time in our history, THE DIPLOMAT might have already gone down the tubes. Fortunately, we did not go down the tubes, but we are alive and well, and living in Paoli. At any rate, one of the changes in the written rules that we would like to see would be the address of some of the officers of the IDF. Diplomacy mags are fun, and we would hate to see any perish because of lack of contact with the mainstream. Now to those of you who wish to start a mag of your own, we offer three pieces of advice as to what you will need. First of all, you will need plenty of spare time (like a teacher or military man) and plenty of money (also like a teacher or military man.) Every Dippy mag I know of except maybe Big Brother operates at a loss. You must accept this before you start, because it is a fact. Secondly, you must have something that sets you apart from the mob. Thus Granstark is anti-establishment, Erehwon is anti-Boardman, Costaguana is mad, Xenogogic has tons of Peer-oration (or perhaps that's Peer-rhosa), and International Enquirer has the nuttily funnies. Oh yes, THE DIPLOMAT has Just's Rule. Finally, you must be willing to conform to the spirit of the rules. (whatever that is!) You must be ready to dump any rule that is thought to be unhealthy from the point of view of other Game Masters. We learned this the hard way. Unfortunately, now that we are acceptable, we will probably object to any unusual rules just like we were objected to early in our career. If you are still in the position to want to publish your own mag then we will be glad to offer our assistance in any way you want. Oh yes, and we will trade you for THE DIPLOMAT. This is that aforementioned Dippy mag, and it is published and/or edited(?) by Eric Just, box 131 Paoli Okla.

This is
O At
P Great
E Intervals
R This
A Appears
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I Inflame
O Optic
N Nerves

Winter, 1907 Positions

1967BD# or 1967ATbq as Don Miller calls it. Take your pick.

AUSTRIA(KEY) 1A Gas, 2A Bul, 3A Bur, 4A Rum, 5A Spa, 6A Mur, 7A Mun, 8A Bud, 9A Vie,
1F MAO, 2F GOL, 3F WH, 4F Ion, 5F Tri.

RUSSIA(JUST) 1A Con, 2A Ber, 3A Swe, 4A Kie, 5A Sil, 6A Eri, 7A Nwy, 8A Var, 9A Ika,
1F Den, 2F Sev, 3F NuS, 4F Stpr.

FRANCE(FOSTER) 1A Bel, 2A Por, 3A Per, 4A Bre.

ENGLAND(FLEETING?) 1F Eng, 3F NS. No moves received so 2F Ska & 4F Hel removed by GM per mail #6.

GERMANY(BRADLEY) 1A Hol.

ISN'T OKLAHOMA THE MOST VULGAR LOOKING STATE YOU'VE EVER SEEN?

BLEIBST DU MIR STUHN, STÖRRISCHER WICHT?

Spring moves for all games due 10 March, 10 PM CST, at above address or (405) 484-7582.

ISN'T IT STRANGE HOW ALL THE GR AT MEN WERE BORN IN FEBRUARY?

Well, it seems that at least one of the players did not even receive the last issue of THE DIPLOMAT, so I am going to try to start again. Moves for TD2; Spring, 1901 are due Monday, March 10th at 10:00 PM CST. Players who sent moves may keep those moves, or may send another set. I am sorry, but it would be foolish to start a brand new game without two of the players. From now on, if a player misses his moves on the first move of a game, I will have a neutral, unidentified person make the moves, and then replace the player as soon as possible. I plan to follow a schedual of three weeks for spring and fall moves and two weeks for winter moves. All three DIPLOMAT will make spring moves next issue and follow identical scheduals after that.

TD3

Fantastic! TD3 is full so here it goes:

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This bunch of mad-men (and mad-woman) is pretty experienced, and I expect a lot from this game. Spring, 1901 moves are due Monday, March 10 at 10 PM CST. Please read the paragraph immediately above for general information concerning schedual, etc.

MORE ABOUT THE RULES

Unfortunately, it's too late to do anything about the rule problems in 1967ED, but TDs 2&3 will have some refinements. For one I want stand-by players for both these games so that we do not have one player after another drop when it looks bad. Also, I plan to keep a scedual of 3 weeks for spring and fall, and 2 weeks for winter moves. If I start another game, there will be a game fee of \$5.00. Speaking of rules, if you don't have a set of house rules for THE DIPLOMAT, write me for a set.

ONE DAY AT THE I.D.F.



THE DIPLOMAT mailing list

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10 March, 1969

Volume I Number 24

It's hard to decide where to begin telling all that has happened since the last issue. So let's start at, no before the beginning. Back in the good old days when there was no mag save THE DIPLOMAT, Jeff Key started publishing THE VOICE OF VIENNA as a period newspaper to carry press releases to supplement THE DIPLOMAT. Gradually, THE DIPLOMAT improved in quality and Jeff's mag was no longer needed. Lately, Jeff has started THE VOICE (sans Vienna) as a separate entity. But Jeff and I cherish this common ancestry, so we have joined together to publish from the same publishing house; Entropy Press Intrnational. We will both continue to publish our own mags, with our own styles (?) and you may not even notice the change that will slowly come over us. (For the better, we hope.) Another change has crept into these pages: THE DIPLOMAT is now affiliated with the Diplomacy Division of the National Fantasy Fan Federation (known as NFFF or N3F) Games Bureau. Fee for the Bureau is \$1 for 1 year. For this fee you can get all sorts of goodies; for further information contact Don Miller, 12315 Judson Road, Wheaton, Maryland, 20906. Game players in THE DIPLOMAT are (I think) affiliate members in the Bureau.

This (in case you still haven't guessed yet) is THE DIPLOMAT, a journal of Postal Diplomacy, and affiliate of NFFF Games Bureau. It is published by Entropy Press Intrnational at our Midwest office by Eric Just, box 131 Paoli, Oklahoma, 73074. Game fees are \$5.00 (\$4.00 to NFFF members); subscription rate of 10 for \$1.50. (\$1.00 for NFFF members) We will trade all for all with any other Diplomacy mag.

GAMES

1967ED or is it 1967ATbq? Well anyway, it is Spring, 1906.

AUSTRIA (KEY)

1A Gas S-5A
2A Bul stagnate(S)
3A Bus-Par
4A Run decay(S)
5A Spa-Bre
6A Max-Spa
7A Min-Ruh(S)
8A Bud-Tri
9A Vie-Bon

1F MAO C-5A

2F GOL TS

3F WM S-6A

4F Ion R&R, Malta

5F Tri Achr (S)

RUSSIA (JUST)

1A Con S
2A Ber-Kie
3A Sue-Den
4A Kie-Ruh
5A Sil-Ber
6A Edi-Yor
7A Ngy-Edi
8A War-Sil
9A Mos-War

1F Don-Hel

2F Ser (S)

3F N&S C-7A

4F Stp no-Ngy

FRANCE (FOSTER)

1A Bel St
2A Por St
3A Par St
4A Bre St (Pic)

ENGLAND (FLEETING)

1F Eng St
3F NS St

GERMANY (BRADLEY)

1A Hel S-B-4A

No moves were received from France or England.

PAOLI: (A true press release) Pity the poor residents of Somerset, Kentucky. It seems that Somerset is so far from television stations that a cable system is used there. Or at least it was until last April when it was closed down by a legal battle of ownership. Now it seems that Somerset has one other peculiarity, besides one of the few towns in this country without television. This last January, the birth rate in Somerset tripled.

I am going to steal some material from THE OKLAHOMA DAILY because I think it is important to all of us. (THE OKLAHOMA DAILY is the newspaper of Oklahoma University.)

"Now I'd like to do an ancient folk song, taught me in my wanderings, of a long-ago, mythical land. It was written by a prisoner, and yet it is not a prisoner's song. It was written on a boat, yet it is not the song of a man of the sea. It was written at war, and yet it is not a song of war, somehow, somehow,... It is in a strange language; strange to us today... 'Oh say can you see...'"

TD2 or 1969X as it will be known from now on. Spring, 1901

AUSTRIA(VON METZKE)	FRANCE(ST CYR)	ITALY(CARREY)	RUSSIA(WITT)
1A Vis-Tri	1A Par-Bar	1A Rom-Ven	1A Mos-War
2A Bud-Ser	2A Mar-Spa	2A Ven-Tyr	2A War-Gal
1F Tri-Alb	1F Bro-MAO	1F Nap-Ion	1F Stp-COB
			2F Ser-Rum

ENGLAND(BRADLEY)	GERMANY(BEYTER)	TURKEY(FLEMMING)
1A Ldw-Yor	1A Ber-Kie	1A Con-Bul
2E Lon-Fog	2A Hha-Sil	2A Sky-Con
2F Edt-NS	1F Kie-Den	1F Ank-Elu

Moves were not received from Austria, so her moves were made by a neutral player. Substitute players are requested. Conrad, do you want to play?

PRESSING RELEASES

ROME(27 November 2653AUC) C. Villus Carinus, First Consul of Rome, was declared dictator today by the Roman Senate. The action took place as a result of reports from Livius Salinator, Ambassador Plenipotentiary to the mountain tribes under Conrad the Barbarous, that these tribes are preparing for an invasion of Italy. In the light of the circumstances, Marcus Manilius proposed that Carinus be made Dictator for the duration of the emergency instead of the usual six months. After some debate the motion carried 183-117.

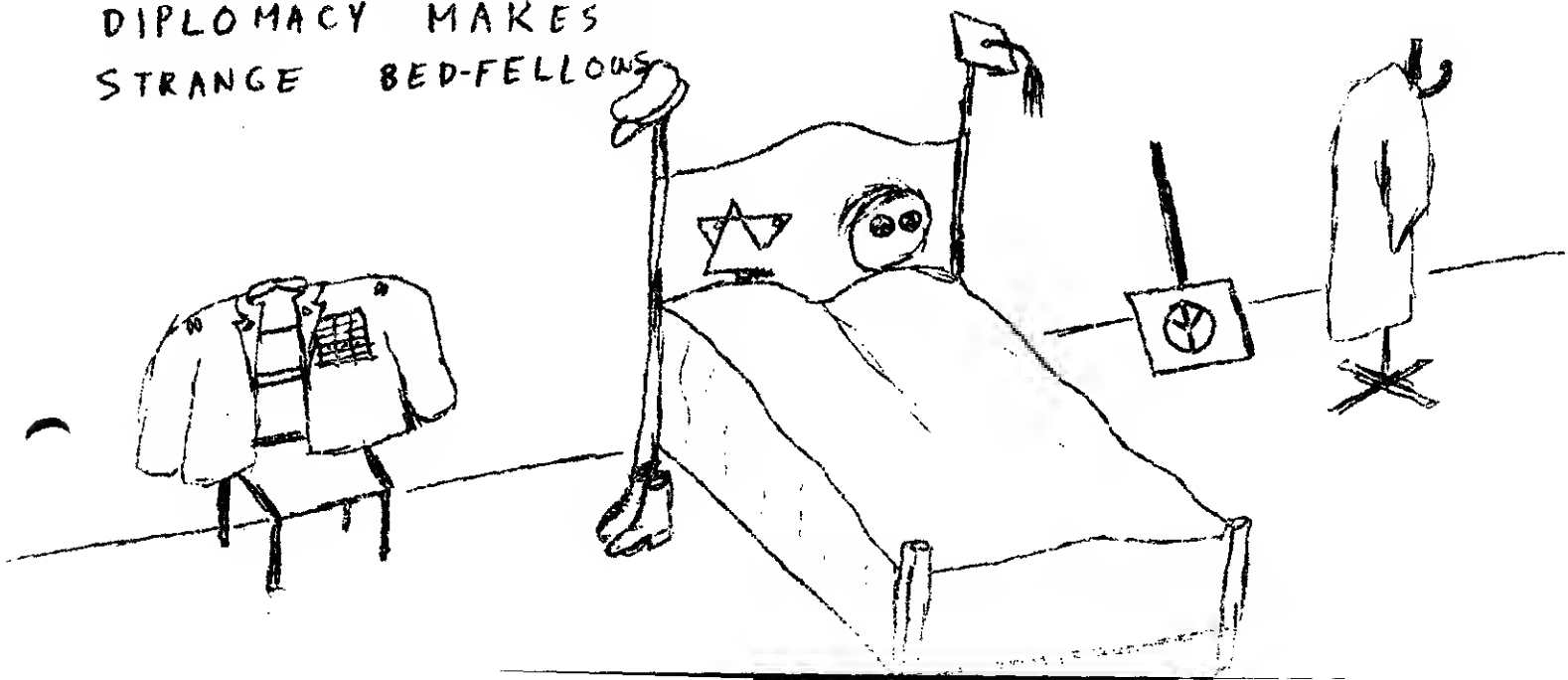
ROME(5 Ianuarius 2654 AUC) Reports from Vindobona indicate that Livius Salinator has been imprisoned by Conrad the Ignoble.

PATAVIUM(7 Ianuarius 2654 AUC) Venetia has reportedly been invaded by barbarians under the command of Conrad the Accursed.

ROME(10 Ianuarius 2654 AUC) C. Villus Carinus, Dictator of Rome, today addressed the Senate and informed them of his actions in defence of the Republic. "In view of the cowardly seizure of Livius Salinator and the invasion of our homeland by Conrad the Despicable and his minions, I have ordered Publius Horatius and ten legions the barbarian province of Rhaetia. I have also seen fit, in order to insure that the Carthaginians do not enter this unfortunate affair as our enemies, to send P. Cornelius Scipio on a mission to Africa in command of the Republican fleet. The treacherous barbarians and their vile leader must, and will, be brought to justice."

PAGUS(HEN) At least you seem to have heard from Conrad the Silent which is more than I can say. Carinus! Carinus! Beware the Ides of March!

DIPLOMACY MAKES
STRANGE BED-FELLOWS



TD3 of 1969L as it will be known from now on. Spring, 1901.

AUSTRIA (GEMIGNANT)

1A Vis-Tri
2A Bus-Ser
1F Tri-Alb

FRANCE (MCLEOD)

1A Par-Pic
2A Mar-Bur
1F Bre-MAO

ITALY (OLLITA)

1A Rom-Ven
2A Ven-Tyr
1F Nap-Ion

RUSSIA (BOGGS)

1A Mos-Ukr
2A War-Gal
1F Stp-GOB
2F Sev-Bla

ENGLAND (COCHRAN)

1A Liv-Yar
1F Lon-NE
2F Bri-NsS

GERMANY (COHAN)

1A Ber-Kie
2A Mun-Ruh
1F Kie-Hol

TURKEY (RUBIN)

1A Con-Bul
2A Say St
1F Ank-Con

No moves received from Austria, so a neutral player made opening moves. Margaret, do you still wish to play? If she does not, I need a stand-by player as soon as possible.

PRESSING RELEASES

(Somewhere in Tyrolia) (10 March, 1901) YODELLAY-HEE-HO...yodellyay-hee-ho...HELLO... helle...I COME IN PEACE!...like hell. Would you believe North to Alaska??? (No, but what choice do I have playing Austria-Hungary?)

PAOLI: You're not playing Austria yet, Clif.

(Rome; 15 March, 1901) Sorry I'm a little late, but the Ides of March you were supposed to watch out for.

(Venice; 17 March, 1901) I'm glad that's over with; now, back to business. Please, allow me to intrude myself. You are getting sleepy! Sleepy!! Let me whisper little nothings in your ear: NOTHING nothing

(Constantinople; 18 December, 1900) The turkish government today announced the establishment of a mutual defense pact with Bulgaria.

(Athens; 14 April, 1901) Rumors reaching this capital today confirmed the fact that Turkish troops had crossed the border into Bulgaria yesterday, occupying their former ally.

Constantinople (16 April, 1901) In a press conference this morning, Foreign Minister Abdul Vehsarb explained the rational behind the occupation of Bulgaria. "It was absolutely necessary as a measure of mutual defense," Vehsarb said. "Had it not been done, Bulgaria would almost certainly have been overrun by the barbaric Rumanian imperialists."

PAOLI: I suppose that this means that Turkey won't want credit for taking this supply center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL MOVES for all games are due March 31, 1969 at 3:00 AM box 131 Paoli, Okla, 73074.

TELEPHONE services to Paoli may soon come to an abrupt halt when the Chickasaw Telephone Company may shut off my phone out of spite. (Not to mention \$127.53) CVM was right!

BOOM! I hate to beat my own drum so much, but Red Walker is thinking about using the Right-Hand Rule in KREHWON (A distinction which I rank equal to or slightly better than Knighthood) and so I hope that those of you who play in both THE DIPLOMAT and KREHWON to write Red and tell him that you like (or at least don't object to) this Rule. This means you Chuck, Clif, Margaret, Sid, Conrad, and of course you too, Jeff. (No Red, I'm not trying to stuff the ballot box, but you said that I couldn't write you myself, so I'm mobilizing my troops.)

THE SOUTHWEST REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF VARGAMERS is being organized and should get going as soon as Jeff gets back or sooner if possible. For information, write me a letter and I'll make something up.

NEW CONTEST next issue, I hope. I will try to prepare the questions in time for the next pub date, but if I don't, I will use an old trick I learned at school: give the same test and change the answers.

THE DIPLOMAT

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1967ED FRANCE OUT AS AUSTRIA S'EEPS; ENGLAND IN AS RUSSIA BLUNDERS Fall, 1900

AUSTRIA (KEY)		RUSSIA (JUST)		GERMANY (BRADLEY)	
1A Gas-Par	1F Hol C-8A	1A Con (H)	1F Hol S-2A	1A Hol-Bel	
2A Bul (H)	2F TyS C-8A	2A Kie-Hol	2F Sev (H)		
3A Bur S-1A	3F Wes C-8A	3A Den (H)	3F NoS S-4F		FRANCE (FOSTER)
4A Rum (H)	4F Ion C-8A	4A Ruh S-G-1A	4F Nvy-NoS	1A Bel (X)	
5A Bro S-1A	5F Adr C-8A	5A Ber-Kie		2A Por (X)	
6A Spa S-8A		6A Yox-Lon		3A Par (X)	
7A Mun S-3A		7A Etl-Lvp		4A Pic	
8A Tri-Por		8A Sil-Bar			
9A Bel S-7A		9A War-Sil			ENGLAND (PLEETING)

Austria gains 3 (Bro, Par, Por). Russia gains 2 (Lon, Lvp, Hol, Edl). 2F NoS (Edl)
France loses 4 (Bel, Por, TyS, Wes). France out. Germany same (Bel, NoS).
England loses 1 (Hol, Edl).
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1969K RUSSIA SHUT-OUT WHILE 91.7% OF THE NEUTRALS FALL Fall, 1900

AUSTRIA (VON METZKE)		FRANCE (ST CYR)		ITALY (CAREY)		RUSSIA (WITT)	
1A Tri (H)	1A Bur-Bel	1A Ven-Tri (H)	1A Ven-Sil				
2A Ser S-1A	2A Spa (H)	2A Tro S-1A	2A Gal-Rum (H)				
1F Alb-Gre	1F Mid-Por	1F Ion-Tun	1F Bal-Sve (no such unit.)				
			1F Bot*				
ENGLAND (BRADLEY)	GERMANY (REITER)	TURKEY (PLEETING)	2F Rum-Ser				
1A Yox-Nvy	1A Kie-Hol	1A Bul-Rum					
1F Eng-Mid	2A Sil-Mun	2A Con-Bul					
2F NoS C-1A	1F Den-Sve*	1F Bla S-1A					

Austria takes 2 (Ser, Gre). England takes 1 (Nvy). France takes 3 (Bel, Spa, Por). Russia takes 1 (Tun). Germany takes 2 (Hol, Sve). Turkey takes 2 (Bul, Rum).

PRESSIES

VIENNA (Boy mismo): AUSTRIA'S GONNA LOSE! AUSTRIA'S GONNA LOSE! AUSTRIA'S GONNA LOSE!
Thrillburger....

VIENNA: Them moves up ther ain't much, but frien's and neighbors, when you is Austria, you takes what you gets and thanks the Lord you didn't get more. So we issued the orders anyway, figuring we might run 'em up the flagpole and see who salutes. Why not run Chuck Carey up flagpole and see if he strangles?....

PAOLI: Now lets see if Ah've got this aright; you takes what you gets, and you gets Serbia and Greece, an' you thanks the Lord you didn't get more? AUSTRIA'S GONNA LOSE? Austria has more than average, while her apparent enes es have been stopped. Would you care to rephrase that just a little?

If you think that was revolting, just turn the page. (Just turn the page? Turn the page?)

Look at 1967ED again. Why couldn't I have invented a Left-hand rule? Who says I cheat, no

1969K

MORE PRESSINGS

Fall, 1901

ROME (24 Augustus 2654 AUG)-C. Villus Carinus, addressing the Senate, today announced that, Livius Salinator still being held captive, the Republic of Rome considers itself to be engaged in hostilities with the dominions of Conrad the Many-Named. "The import of our excursion forth into Rhaetia seems not to have penetrated the skulls of the barbarians. Hence, Aquus Sextus has been ordered to Aquileia and Pentius Herennius to Vindebona in retaliation to the seizure of our ambassador and innumerable border incidents perpetrated by these vile shepherds. Perhaps this will be more meaningful to them; perhaps now they will realize that their cause is lost when confronted by the righteous might of Rome!" said Carinus.

PAOLI: Well that's all well and good, but consider that the barbarians stood off the mighty I and II legions. Looks like we'll be seeing little more of Aquus Sextus and Pentius Herennius as they will probably be recalled. I can only hope that they will be replaced with John Smith and Bob Jones. (I hope, I hope, I hope.)

CARTHAGE (14 September 2654 AUG)-P. ((for preposterous, no doubt)) Cornelius Scipio, commander of the First Republican Fleet, has reportedly broken up a gun-running ring in this African city. The smugglers were engaged in illicit trade with unidentified parties in Aquileia. Scipio, in his mercy and justice, beheaded the blackguards and sent their remains to Vindebona as warning of the fate of the mountain tribes currently at war with the Roman Republic.

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RUSSIA RAKES IN A BUNDLE; OTHERS OFF TO SLOW START

Fall, 1901

AUSTRIA (GEMIGNANI)	FRANCE (MCLEOD)	ITALY (OLLILA)*	RUSSIA (BOGGS)
1A Tri-Ser (S)	1A Pic-Bel (S)	1A Ven	1A Ukr-Rum
2A Ser-Rum (S)	2A Bur S-1A (S)	2A Tro	2A Gal-Bud
1F Alb-Gre (S)	1F Mid-Por	1F Ion	1F Bot-Swe
			2F Bla S-1A
ENGLAND (COCHRAN)	GERMANY (COWAN)	TURKEY (RUBIN)	
1A Yon-Nwy	1A Kle-Mun	1A Bul-Gre (S)	*No moves were received
1F NoS C-1A	2A Ruh S-1F (S)	2A Smy-Ank	from Italy. Stand-by moves
2F Nwg-Bar	1F Hol-Bel (S)	1F Con-Bulsc (S)	requested from Peter Ansoff

England gains 1 (Nwy), France Gains 1 (Por), Turkey gains 1 (Bul), Germany gains 1 (Hol)
Austria gains 0 (Ser, Mid), Italy gains 0, Russia gains 3 (Rum, Bud, Swe)

PRESSINGS

Vienna: The winner of Vienna Alley of Game Contest has been announced; it's Russia. Congratulations! AH and Russia are allied for this game.

PAOLI: With friends like that....

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WINTER BUILDOS are due 14 April, 1969 at 8 AM in Paoli.

STAND-BY PLAYERS for THE DIPLOMAT are Peter Ansoff, 652 Fairview Rd, Pittsburgh, Pa 15238; Laurence Rusiecki, 34 Sharon St, Brooklyn, New York, 11211; and they are not required to do anything but stand-by.

If you think this page was revolting, just turn back to the last page, or wait til next

~~IT IS ALMOST~~
DONE FOR
ANOTHER YEAR!

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MISSING NOTES

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PRESSIONS

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PRESSKORPS

NAPOLI (29 December 2654 AGG): C. Villus Cerinus today announced the christening of the 2nd Republican Fleet and presented the laurels of command to Nominus Agrippa. In his speech, the Dictator admitted that the Roman invasion of barbarian lands had "not with a few deaths"

to hold off the Imperial Legions. Cardinals indicated that steps were being taken to remedy this problem: first, the 2nd Republican Fleet has been ordered to Africa to aid in the gun running rings of the Numidian wilds; second, 500,000 anti-elephant mice have been received from the Supreme Anarchate of Rhodentia, to be used in the treacherous passes of Rheotia and the sliney quagmires of Aquiloia.

VIENNA (Fall 1901): I rather think it's fair to say
That Austria will lose the day.
That Garvey creep is pushing fast;
Though Russia's slowed, that fast won't last.

And how long, pray, will Turkey stall
While north-west her neighbors fall?
They'll all come marching, three by three,
And stick a curmudgeonous lance in me!

(Chorus) Oh, we gotta get up,
We gotta get up,
We gotta get up this morning.

Though we're mostly dead,
Let's get out of bed;
It's likely to be quite a morning.

SERBIA, Greater Austria (Fall 1901): Skopje Bridge is falling down,
Falling down, falling down,
Skopje Bridge is falling down;
Let's all flee to Iceland!

(Based on an old Serbian lament of the
Realistic School, ca. 1900-1910)

PAOLI: Cyn says, "After all, I have to put up with your poetry (sic) in COSTA. It's about your turn..." Uh, right, it's my turn to put up with your poetry (sick) in THE DIPLOMAT.

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1969L: Positions

Winter, 1901

AUSTRIA (GEMIGNANI): 1A Tra, 2A Ser. (No moves received so I removed 1F Alb)

ENGLAND (COCHRAN): 1A Nwy, 1F NoS, 2F Bar, 3F Lon.

FRANCE (MCLEOD): 1A Pic, 2A Bur, 3A Par, 1F For.

GERMANY (COWAN): 1A Hun, 2A Hun, 1F Hol, 2F Kle.

ITALY (OLLILA): 1A Tro, 2A Vic, 1F Aog, 2F Nap.

TURKEY (RUBIN): 1A Bul, 2A Ank, 1F Con, 2F Smy.

RUSSIA (BOGGS): 1A Rum, 2A Bud, 3A Mos, 4A War, 5A Stp, 1F Swo, 2F Bla.

*Norman: If you know a rule that I don't I'm willing to listen, but since you attacked Bel two strong, and Germany attacked two strong I called it a stand-off; and I still do. Under the circumstances, as your orders read: Build 1) A Paris, 2) A Brest" The first half of your move was legal and the second half was not. If you had ordered a fleet and an Army, I would have had to stop the whole blasted machine to wait for your changes. Please be very careful to check your "corrections" before riding off on your horse. Now actually I'm not as miffed as I sound, and this little tirade is directed at everybody, it's just that you, Norman, happened to do the wrong thing at the wrong time, so you got it addressed to you.

ATTENTION! Anyone who skipped the preceding tirade because they thought it was for Norman McLeod only go back and read it. I'll wait for you to catch up on the following page.

LONDON: The English Government congratulates Tsar Russell upon his acquisition of the Empress Margaret as, ah, ally. It is to be hoped that the new Tsarina will be out of the hospital in a few weeks.

LONDON: English merchants trading into Cartago and Tingitana report more than the usual longshore piracy. If Ammiraglio P. C. Scipione is serious about the suppression of gun running in those parts, he will have to do a more thorough job, it would appear; possibly even landing and annoying the brutes.

CONSTANTINOPLE: There's an Italian fleet where??

SERRA (1 January 1902): Thousands of Turkish youths came down to the city today to volunteer for duty on the new fleet being built here. The construction of the fleet was an example of the voluntary spirit of the peoples allied with Turkey. The ships were built by Turkish craftsmen using materials donated by Bulgaria, now ruled by the new government we benevolently established in Sofia.

CONSTANTINOPLE: The Turkish government today issued a statement denouncing the present Italian incursion into Turkish territorial waters. Continuance or repetition of such acts they said could lead to "a total war in the Aegean."

The statement was broadcast by the Turkish Central News Agency. It went on to say that the action was "an open declaration that Italy is taking a step further toward war."

CONSTANTINOPLE: Five hundred thousand angry Turkish students today burned the Italian Embassy to the ground in front of a crowd of nearly 50 policemen. /³ At odds of merely 10,000 to one, why wasn't the riot prevented? They were protesting the entry of an Italian fleet into the Aegean Sea and an increase in the cost of wine.

Another crowd gathered at the Russian Embassy were four hundred demonstrators from an organization called SOS; Students for an Open Black Sea. No violence was reported at the scene, but Embassy employees feared that their Embassy would share the fate of the Italians. However, there have been six thousand police guarding the Russians since the first demonstrators appeared, and it is not expected that anything will happen to the Embassy.

ATHENS: The free people of Greece today proclaimed opposition to the recent actions of the Italian armed forces in and around Greek territorial waters. "Any repetition of the attacks will cause us to ally with some friendly power in the area."

CRETE: The population of this small island were startled when Italian marines landed on the west end of this island, and proceeded to move eastward. They cannot understand why the Italians chose to attack them when Tunis was so much closer.

CONSTANTINOPLE: GET THE HELI OUT OF THE AEGEAN, OLLILA!!!

CONSTANTINOPLE: The Turkish government politely requests that the Italians remove their naval from the Aegean Sea.

PAOLI: I'm sure that they will, ah, contemplate that.

~~VIPER~~ /oops!*/ TRIESTE: To Russia and Italy. I am very much fed up with committing suicide every game one of you write me about a good alliance right-away or take a good look at the stand-by list. Because without a partner and a reliable one, a game at this point is suicide and it is foolish to announce alliance with someone who is using an alliance promise to enrich themselves. If I don't get a partner who is willing to return my center and help me out I hope you like the stand-by because frankly my rating and reputation can't stand your on and off act over the GM will be appointing a stand-by to take my place. He can afford the loss better than I. So come and attack or the Stand-by will be taking over very soon, clear!

PAOLI: What can I add?

HOLY MOLEY, CAPTAIN MARVEL; IT'S ANOTHER DIPLOMAT CONTEST!

In an age where, in the last time known Dippy contests there were a total of five entries here we got another worthless contest. But this is a contest that may stand a chance in the race for entries. When you are in \$5.00 worth of anything, you have it. Second prize is \$2.00, third prize is \$1.25, fourth prize is \$0.63, fifth prize is \$0.32, etc. But, unlike most contests in Dippy mags, this one has a small entry fee: 42¢ worth of 6¢ and/or 10¢ stamps. The contest has a total of ten possible prizes worth a total of \$10.01. Come one, come all! But note: if you want to try for one of the prizes, then you must send the stamps with your entries. And now for that ridiculous bunch of meaningless questions:

1) Demonstrate your understanding of each of the following sequences by supplying the next term and the rule, from which the sequence is built.

- A. 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, ...
- B. 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, ...
- C. 1, 4, 27, 256, 3125, ...
- D. 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, ...
- E. O, T, T, F, F, S, S, E, ...

2) Without consulting a map, name five European capitals at about the same latitude as Washington D.C.

3) Identify: Walter S. de Lony.

4) In a two-player, zero-sum game, if the Minimax = Maximin, what is the value of the game?

5) When does the opening scene of *Pirates of Penzance* take place? Give the stage time by year, day of the week, date, time to within 1/2 hour.

6) One of the major stumbling blocks to the theory of Evolution is the Second Law of Thermodynamics. Explain the reason for that statement.

7) There is one thing that GRAUSTARK and THE DIPLOMAT have in common besides the fact that John and I independently invented Postal Diplomacy. What is it?

8) What is unique about Transogram's Strategic Command Game?

9) Name the Author and book upon which A. E. van Vogt based his "World of A" and "Players of A" stories.

10) One of the questions on this contest is misleading and therefore has no logical answer. Identify it and explain why it is misleading.

Ten points each question, and partial credit will be given for partially correct answers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, OUT OF MY MIND, RANDOM NUMBERS, ETC.

SPRING MOVES for all games are due June 9, 1966. I will be gone from here for about one week starting on May 20 and this is the main reason for the long period of time before this deadline. I was not very strict in the enforcement of the last deadline, but that was due to too much work. If you are late next time, chances are you will lose out.

CORRECT CALLS for moves will be made to the following persons, station-to-station:

Jeff Key Jim Bradley, Jack Flewelling, Sid Cochran Giff Gilila. If you wish to be put on this list to ensure your ability to move, tell me so. For that matter, if you want off, let me know, too.

CORRECT ENTRIES are due June 9 along with moves and the same rules for late entries apply. And speaking of the Contest here is one more question: What did I get the idea of writing

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Hey! What is this? Believe it or not, on time for the first time /ever, I think/, is THE DIPLOMAT, a journal of Postal Diplomacy and utter confusion. It is edited by Eric W. Just, Jr, box 131, Paoli, Okla, 73074. It is published at the "Midwest offices of Entropy Press International. It is a charter member of the Southwest Regional Association of Wargamers. It is an affiliate of the NFFP Games Bureau Diplomacy Division. Game fee is \$5 while subscriptions are 10 for \$1.50. Rates for N3F regular members are \$4 and \$1, respectively.

FAKES

About two months ago, I made a mistake. I ran off and sent out a fake edition of Rod Walker's April Fool issue /mine was called EREHUNYA/. Now I'm sorry. It was a good joke, but some people took it seriously. Fake 'zines new seem to be the thing. Early last month there was a fake issue of AEOLUS /called #8/. Then in late May there were at least two fake GRAUSTARKS and a fake STAP. This is very confusing. Nobody knows whether what they are getting is real or not any more. I would like to ask everybody to stop this before it goes too far, because we could get somebody in trouble or something. I have heard there is even a plot to put out a fake DIPLOMAT, actually mailed from Paoli. That's one reason why this is on time for a chance. I wanted to get the real issue out before the fake. So, if you get another issue of THE DIPLOMAT in the mail, don't pay any attention to it. This is the real and original. Take that, you evil plotters out there, whoever you are!

MISSED MOVES

I want to thank everyone for getting their moves in this time. Cooperation from the players is very important to running the games. I, too, have made an attempt to get my moves in to Jeff, Conrad, Cliff, and Rod, whose games I'm in. Unfortunately, I had one problem this issue, in that I misplaced some of the moves you sent. I remembered what they were, though, and wrote them down when I discovered they were missing. I'm sure all your orders are correct. However, if I did make a mistake with yours, be sure to let me know quickly so that we can correct the error.

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RUSSIA WINS BATTLE, AUSTRIA WINS WAR

Spring, 1909

AUSTRIA (KEY)

1A Par S-5A	1F Mid-Iri
2A Bul-Con (S)	2F TyS-Wes
3A Bur S-7A	3F Wes-Mid
4A Rum S-10A	4F Ion-Aeg
5A Dre-Pic	5F Adr-Ion
6A Spa-Gas	
7A Mun S-9A	
8A Por (H)	
9A Boh-Sil	
10A Bud-Gal	
11A Vie-Boh	
12A Tri-Tyr	

RUSSIA (JUST)

1A Con-Bul (S)
2A Hol-Bel
3A Den-Hol
4A Ruh S-2A
5A Kie S-3A
6A Lon Fester (H)
7A Lvp Mould (H)
8A Ber-Sil (S)
9A Sil-War
10A Mos-Ssv
11A War-Ukr

GERMANY (BRADLEY)

1A Rel (H) (X)

The elimination of the G 1A leaves 33 units on the board, of which 17 are Austrian. Jeff Key thus has a majority of the units on the board and wins the game. Congratulations Jeff! I suppose I will have to publish your gloats, because Rod Walker says "Vic-

tory Statements" or some such are traditional in Mainstream. Well, go ahead. I don't care, anyway. Sniff.

PRESSED RELEASES

MOSCOW TO BRUSSELS: Look out, here I come!

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I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS

Spring, 1902

AUSTRIA (VON METZKE)	FRANCE (ST CYR)	ITALY (CAREY)	TURKEY (FLEMMING)
1A Tri-Ven	1A Bel-Ruh	1A Ven-Tro	1A Rum S-2A
2A Ser (H) (Gre)	2A Spa-Mar	2A Tro-Mun	2A Pul-Ser
3A Vie-Boh	3A Par-Pic	1F Tun-Maf	3A Smy-Arm
4A Bud-Gal	4A Mar-Bur	2F Nep-TyS	1F Pla (H)
1F Gre-Ion	1F Por-Spa sc		2F Con-Aeg
	2F Bre-Mid	RUSSIA (WITT)	
ENGLAND (BRADLEY)		1A Sil S-I 2A	
1A Nwy-Swe	GERMANY (REITER)	2A Gal-War	
1F Mid-Wee	1A Hol-Bel	1F Bot-Bal	
2F NoS-Ska	2A Mun-Sil (Ber)	2F Sev-Pla (S)	
3F Lon-NoS	3A Ber-Pru		
	1F Swe-Den		
	2F Kie-Hol		

PRESS RELEASES

VIENNA (Hoy): Oy, oy, see Austria lose. See Turkey stab Austria. See Italy stomp Austria. See all of Austria's plans go el puf! See Austria not even make it to 1903.

PAOLI: I begin to see your point, Conrad.

COLONIA AUGUSTA (formerly Munich) (12 May 2655 AUC): Consul Cn. Iuliyivius Jaundus Patreseens, commander of the II Legion, has reported to the Senate that vast stretches of Raetia, Noricum, Pannonia, Germania, and other provinces have been reconquered from the barbarians. The Consul was surprised to note that the mud-and-wattle structures reported by Tacitus are no longer in evidence, and that the barbarians are building more substantial towns than in the time of Gordianus III. In many places, bearded eavages could be heard singing a hymn of praise to that long-dead Imperator ("Gordianus igatur..."). Our noble soldiers chased them forth from their dens and cellars. As they emerged, they were seen carrying mugs of white froth, thought to be foam collected from mad dogs. The color and taste of the substance below the foam, however, led to other speculations which this, a family magazine (Bradley's married, isn't he?), cannot report.

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WAR IS RUSTING OUT ALL OVER...

Spring, 1902

AUSTRIA (GEMIGNANI)	GERMANY (COMAN)	RUSSIA (BOGGS)
1A Tri-Ven	1A Mun-Ber	1A Rum-Pul
2A Ser-Rum	2A Ruh S-1F	2A Bud-Vie
	1F Hol-Bel	3A Mos-War
ENGLAND (COCHRAN)	2F Kie-Hol	4A War-Sil
1A Nwy-Swe		5A StP-Mos
1F NoS-Den	ITALY (OILITA)	1F Swe-Pal
2F Bar-StP	1A Tro-Mun	2F Pla S-1A
3F Lon-Eng	2A Vie-Roh	
	1F Aeg-Gre	TURKEY (RURIN)
FRANCE (MCLEOD)	2F Nap-Ion	1A Pul S-A 2A (X)
1A Pic-Bel		2A Ank (H)
2A Bur S-I 1A		1F Con S-2F
3A Par-Pic		2F Smy-Aeg
1F Gre-Ion		

PRISBY RELEASES

MUNICH: Peek-a-boo, guess who?

ATHENS: I can't, but you're wearing pizza perfume.

CONSTANTINOPLE: The Turkish government today announced a suspension of our declaration of war on Italy. The Turkish Central News Agency announced that the move was due to Italian promises to get out of the Aegean. Just the same, the Turkish fleet is going on maneuvers and there had better not be any Italian ships in the way. Got that, Ollie?

TRIESTE: You guys better keep you promises this time. If I don't get Rumania, I will be very mad. Remember, keep you alliance with me and I will be good to you to.

THAT CONTEST

I can't understand it. Nobody entered the contest. Not even Conrad von Metzke. Not even Rod Walker. Not even John Boardman. Nobody. Well, here are the answers anyway.

1) The sequences:

A. 1. That was a random selection of issue numbers from YENOGOLIC, Volume I, which had 13 numbers. The next issue was Volume II, Number 1.

B. 27. That was a random selection of issue numbers from THE DIPLOMAT. The next number is obviously this one, 27.

C. I didn't understand this sequence, either. I was hoping to get an answer from you.

D. Obviously this sequence was by somebody who can't count.

E. E. It's just pairs of letters. The "O" was put in to confuse you.

There are none. Latitude are those little lines that run up and down.

3) A pen name once used by Earle Stanley Gardner.

4) Anything between -1 and +1.

5) I'm saving this question for later. It's too good.

6) Thermodynamics, Alabama, has a law against teaching Evolution. It's law #2 in the city code.

7) We're both nuts.

8) It's the only war game they put out.

9) This question is being saved for later too.

10) Question #2 is misleading because of the mis-use of the word "latitude."

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL MOVES for all games are due June 29, 1969. Again I say, do not be late! I will not be home during most of this period, so it won't do you much good to telephone your moves.

COLLECT CALLS for moves cannot be made from my phone any more. Chickasaw has decided that I am a bad credit risk or something. Anyway, you will have to get your own moves in.

ANY RESEMBLANCE between persons named in this magazine and real persons is completely deliberate, but not necessarily valid. Somebody told me I should print that. In the meantime, let's run

Conrad von Metzke up a flag pole and see if anybody salutes. I have the perfect ~~no~~de halvard for it. Oh--this issue of THE DIPLOMAT has been made possible through machinations you won't believe. Anybody who doesn't understand that just isn't aware of the situation.

29 June, 1969

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This is THE DIPLOMAT which according to a listing run recently in ENRUMON is the 16th longest lived Dappy mag out of some 140 or so. How about that! Within 3 or 4 issues we may even haul into 10th, by virtue of passing several extinct ones. /*No Red, I don't mean Ere but you are going to slow a bit are you not?*/ It is published at the Mid-West Office of Entropy Press International. /*Last issue claimed that also, but it was done at the East Coast Office. So much for accuracy.*/ It is a charter member of WIRS and is affiliated with the National Fantasy Fan Federation Diplomacy Division. Membership in the Federation can be had for \$1 from Don Miller, 12315 Judson, Wheaton, Maryland, 20906. Membership is worth discounts in various affiliates. For example, the regular game fee in THE DIPLOMAT is \$5, but NFFF members get in for only \$4. subscriptions are 10 issues for \$1.50 or \$2 depending.

1967BD RUSSIA PERFORMS DIFFICULT AUGMINSEMINATION: GERMANY OUT, AUSTRIA WINS! Spring 1969

AUSTRIA (KEY)

1A Par-Pic 1F Mid-Iri
2A Bul (H) 2F Tyr-Wid
3A Bur S-10/7A 3F WM -Mid
4A Run S-10A 4F Ion-Aeg
5A Bre S-1A 5F Adr-Ion
6A Spa-Gas
7A Mun S-3A
8A Por-Spa
9A Boh S-7A
10A Bud-~~AA~~ S-11A
11A Vie-Gal
12A Tri-Alb

RUSSIA (blush! JUST)

1A Con (H) 1F Hel-NoS
2A Hol-Dol 2F Sev-Ela
3A Der-Kio 3F Rns-Mat
4A Ruh S-2A 4F Nos-Eng
5A Kie-Ber 5F StP-Mry
6A Lon (H)
7A Lvp-Wal
8A Ber-Sil
9A Sil-War
10A Mos-Sov
11A War-Ukr

GERMANY (BRADLEY)

1A Bel (Who cares?) (X)

How about that?

Never in the history
of Postal Diplomacy
has any GM had a bad

rule driven home so forcefully as the
Victory Criterion in THE DIPLOMAT. You
see, as it stands all a player needs to
win is a majority of the existing units.
With Germany out Austria has 51.5% of the
units, so Austria wins. Now I don't want

to presume to know what Jeff would have done next, and I'm certainly not saying what I'd do next, but according to the position, Russia could win. (No, it's not sour grapes, but I am going to change the Victory Criterion to 18 units. CONGRATULATIONS JEFF! A summary of 1967BD will be printed next time, but I consider it amazing that anyone should be able to win his first Postal Game with as difficult a country as Austria. Well I warned you guys back in the first few issues, he's good!

...CAN HEIRONYMUS MERKIN EVER FORGET MERCY HUMPE AND FIND TRUE HAPPINESS?

Or better yet, Can Eric Just over etc.? After I first saw the movie I remarked, "It's unbelievably dirty, but unbelievably funny. Now I say that it is merely unbelievably funny. It could be called an Ecobiography of an imaginary celebrity named Heironymus Merkin. It is also the story of making the story, telling about making the story and it contains rapid break and jumps, back and forth between these different themes. But mostly CHIEFMAFFIN? is about SEX. Unlike many of the modern films dealing with that subject, it is approached from a humorous stand-point. Anthony Newley who is the Star, Director, Music Composer, etc. plays a strangely familiar tragi-comic. The music of the show is /*as was pointed out by some of the characters in the show*/ a lot like Newley's other shows, and is vaguely reminiscent of Rodgers and Hammerstein. But then again, what's wrong with Rodgers and Hammerstein? Some people may reject this show as mere filth, but I'm going to let The Presence, played by Georgie Jessel. There was this fellow who decided to drop in on a friend, see? So he went up to the door, knocked, and went in.

Now when he got in he saw an unbelievable sight: there were papers all over the place, piles of books and records all around, and tin cans, and moldy bread and all sorts of stuff spread all over the place.

So he turns to his friend and says, "My God, is this place a mess!"

To which his friend remarks, "You should have seen the place before I cleaned it up!"

Now the Moral of this story is: Filth, like Beauty, is in the eye of the beholder.
See what I mean?

1) Demonstrate your understanding of each of the following sequences by supplying the next term and the rule from which each sequence is built.

A. 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, (16 $A_n = 3n - 2$)

B. 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, (36 $A_n = n^2$)

C. 1, 4, 27, 256, 3125, (46656 $A_n = n^n$)

D. 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, (21 $A_1 = A_2 = 1, A_k = A_{k-1} + A_{k-2}$)

E. O, T, T, F, F, S, S, E, (N Each letter is the first letter of the words one, two, etc.)

2) Without consulting a map name five European capitals at about the same latitude as Washington DC. (Lisbon, Madrid, Rome, Athens, Ankara, etc) Not London, etc

3) Identify Walter S de Lery. (Well I was looking for founder of the Weapon Shops, alterego of Robert Hedrock in van Vogt's Weapon Shops stories, but Rich Rubin says he is "Retired Vice Admiral, Department Administrator with supervisor over control of shipment to Communist countries. He has received the Legion of Merit. - (Who's who, 66-67 p524), so pending confirmation I will accept this, too.

4) In a two-player, zero-sum game, if the Minimax = Maximin, what is the value of the game? (Value = Minimax. Zero-sum means the winner wins exactly the same amount as the loser loses. War is obviously not zero-sum, but Diplomacy is. The value of any two-player, zero-sum game the value is always between the Minimax, on top, and the Maximin. Simple?)

5) When does the opening scene of Pirates of Penzance take place? (Red Walker says "10:30 PM because the Pirate King says it is. The date is 28 February, the day that is a birthday by people born on the 29th when it isn't Leap Year. The year is 1873 because Frederick says he will be 21 using only 29 Feb. birthdays, by 1940. Of course, if we were, rectly counts 1900 as a leap Year (he is distraught), then the year is 1877 (likely, as the opera was produced in 1880). The day of the week, if the year is 1873, is Thursday, if 1877 Tuesday."

6) Explain why the theory of Evolution and the Second Law of Thermodynamics. (The law deals with the tendency of the Universe to increase the Entropy. A better way to think of it is that order decreases while disorder or randomness increases. Now one of the fundamental assumptions of Evolution is that from the disorder of Earth's primordial seas a highly ordered molecule came into existence, one which could replicate itself. This is contrary to the 2nd Law, but it gets worse: Evolution insists that this tendency continues with more complex life forms (ie more ordered) evolving from previous forms. QED)

7) There is one thing that GRAUSTARK and THE DIPLOMAT have in common besides the fact that John and I invented Diplomacy (Whoops! Postal Diplomacy) What is it? (There is one thing there are also two or three or more, like the letters columns are both called THE DIPLOMATIC PUNCH, we both teach Physics, we are college grads, etc See? Lots of ways)

8) What is unique about Transogram's Strategic Command Game? (Its copyrighted name)

9) Name the author and book upon which A E van Vogt based his A stories? (A. Korzybski "Science and Sanity")

10) One of the questions on this contest is misleading and therefore illogical. Identify it and explain why it is misleading. (Jack Fleming, who entered this contest as a joke correctly says, "The misleading question is #10 itself. Just because a question is misleading doesn't make the answer illogical --- given the promise.")

There was one more question buried in the announcements which nobody saw: Where did I get the idea of using /* and */ to enclose comments? (From a programming language for computers called PL/I which uses those symbols for that purpose.)

Individual scores are recorded elsewhere in this issue.

Here's the way the entries stacked up: Rich Rubin 68 paid; Dave Montgomery 49 paid; Ed Cochran 48 not paid; Rod Walker 40 paid; Jack Fleming 18 not paid. Well, that's how I scored them, but there seem to be some objections to some questions. About half of them, that is. So, I am going to Award the prizes this way: Rubin \$5, Montgomery \$2.50, Walker \$2.50. I know that this is costing me \$1.25 more than I need to spend, but it just about balances the \$1.26 I collected in entries. So much for \$9.99. The only problem is: I don't have \$9.99. When I get some I'll pay somebody off. Now I have an idea for a new contest; one which won't cost me any money, yet will have a cash prize. It will have a variety of questions, but I won't have to vouch for the accuracy of them since the contestants will submit them. Finally /*Finally?*/ the questions will not be too hard and not too easy since a player's score will depend on how many questions he can get and how many people can answer his questions. Stay tuned to this rag for further details.

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Spring, 1902

AUSTRIA (VON METZKE)	GERMANY (REITER)	TURKEY (FLEMING)	FRANCE (ST CYR)
1A Tri S-3A	1A Hol (H)	1A Ruz-Ukr (S)	1A Bol-Ruh
2A Ser S-1A	2A Mur-Sil	2A Bul (H)	2A Spa (H)
3A Vie-Tro	3A Ber S-2A	3A Smy-Arn	3A Per-Pic
4A Bud-Vic	1F Sue S-2F (Fin)*	1F Bla S-2A	4A Mar-Bur
1F Gro (H)	2F Kic-Bal	2F Con-Aog	1F Por-Mad
			2F Bro S-1F
ENGLAND (BRADLEY)	ITALY (CAREY)	RUSSIA (WITT)	
1A Nwy S-R-1F Bot-Swo	1A Von (H)	1A Sil (H) (Fch)*	*The Russ 1A, Germ 1F,
1F Mid S-2F (Was)*	2A Trc-Pic	2A Gal-Ukr (S)	and Engl 1F were retreated
2F NoS S-3F	1F Tun S-2F	1F Bot-Swo	by the Just RH Rule.
3F Lon-Eng	2F Nap-Ion	2F Sev (H)	

ROMA (14 Martius 2655 AUC): C. Villus Carinus announced to the Senate today that, Livius Salinator having been freed by the barbarian hordes of Conrad the Red, the Republic of Rome considers itself no longer at war. Carinus further announced that the imperial legions would soon be returning home for a needed vacation of wining and wenching, and that he himself would return to his farm.

ALEXANDRIA (3 June, 1969): Sic Semper Tyrannis...

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UTTER CHAOS IN BALKINS; FRANCE IDIE

Spring, 1902

AUSTRIA (GEMIGNANI)	FRANCE (MCLEOD??)	ITALY (OLLILA)	RUSSIA (BOGGS)
1A Tri-Vie (S)	1A Pic	1A Trc-Ven	1A Rum S-T-1A Bul-Ser
2A Ser-Bud (A1b)	2A Bur	2A Vie-Gal (S)	2A Bud S-A-1A Tri (C)
	3A Par	1F Aeg-Gre	3A Moc-StP
ENGLAND (COCHRAN)	1F For	2F Nap-Ion	4A War-Gal (S)
1A Nwy (H)			5A StP-Fin
1F NoS-Ska	GERMANY (COMAN)	TURKEY (RUBIN)	1F Sue S-5A
2F Bar S-1A	1A Mur-Bur (S)	1A Bul-Ser	2F Bla S-T-1F Con-Bul s.c.c.
3F Lon-NoS	2A Ruh S-1F	2A Ark-Con	
	1F Hol-Bel	1F Con-Bul s.c.c.	Stand-by moves for France
	2F Kic-Don	2F Smy-Aog	are requested from Peter
			Ancoff, 652 Fairview Rd,
			Pittsburgh, Pa. 15238.

TRIESTE: Thank a bunch England. Now I know what killed chivary.

TRIESTE: Now, Germany, you don't want to get like me, do you. A.H

TRIESTE To Turkey: Let's make a deal

TRIESTE To Germany: you are still on

PAGE: On what?

CONSTANTINOPLE: The Turkish Central News Agency announced in the government organ *As-Ner* that troops of the Turkish First Army operating in Bulgaria had launched an invasion of Serbia to free the enslaved people... from the ruthless dictatorial imperialistic Austrians.

SMYRNA: The newly built Second Fleet put to sea yesterday to drive the Italians out of the Aegean.

ITALIAN FIRST FLEET, GREECE: All I want for Christmas is Greece. Otherwise, Santa will get fire bombed. Says Admiral V. O. Fico: "After we had shipped into the Aegean Sea through a quirk of fate trying to stand-off the anticipated Naval actions by the Turks, we decided to vacate quickly and head into port at Greece."

"We intend to enter Greece at Athens and occupy the heights. From the ruins of the Apocalypse, we can safely guard our rear from attack and press forward elsewhere."

"We would have been more communicative with the Turks, but our leader was buried under an avalanche of books at Wilson Library during a recent earthquake. The curse of the Spring Quarter tests was upon him."

NON STUFF FROM HERE AND THERE CONCERNING THIS, THAT, AND THE OTHER THING, ABOUT TOM, DICK, & YOE

Jack Flemming has married Leslie Abel and the couple is now living at 317 State St., Madison, Wisconsin, 53703. Congratulations, J & L!

Sid Witt has left the Army and has moved to Maud where he will teach Band. His new address is P.O. Box 309, Maud, Okla. /"Zip? Who knows?"/

Loring A (Windy) Windblad /"I know, who's he? Who cares?"/ will be at Star rt 1 box 510, Port Ludlow, Washington, from 7/10 to 8/5. Whoopee!

Special Delivery to a post box is a waste of 30¢. All they do is call me at 8:00 and tell me it is there. Or 6:30 on Sunday.

Fall moves are due for both games on the 25th anniversary of the attempt to assassinate Hitler, which is also the projected date for the first walk on the moon by an American astronaut. That's 20 July. Results will be out within a month or two as my schedual is beginning to solidify. DUE TO THE DELAY AT THIS OFFICE, THE DEADLINE IS RESET TO MONDAY, 4 AUGUST 1969. I AM SORRY FOR THE DELAY. JWK

127 of this unperiodical was not published by EPI. Well, at least it wasn't published by this office of EPI. At any rate, it would be best to dismember it.

Games are now open in THE DIPLOMAT for regular Diplomacy. Regular Postal Diplomacy. And... Game fee is \$5 or \$4 for regular NPTF members. At the moment, there is no limit on the number of games being offered. However, paid players will be the only ones accepted. So send me your money and choice of countries.

How does the Summer Reminiscence sound like? Last Saturday evening /"the 21st"/ I was sitting up in after staying up until 6 AM playing Anzio with Dave Montgomery. We had sleeping soundly /"as one tends to do after staying up all night"/ when we were suddenly awakened by something shortly before 9 AM. I don't remember at the time what the apparent reason. It was only that afternoon that we figured out that that was indeed the exact moment that summer began. Coincidence? Think about it.

WE HAVE EXCHANGED EARL WARREN FOR WARREN EARL!

HOW MANY PINS CAN DANCE ON THE HEAD OF AN ANGEL?

ROD WALKER WEARS COMBAT BOOTS!

STICK IT IN YOUR EAR!

THE DIPLOMAT

THIS IS
WARS???

6 September, 1969

Volume I Number 29

-This is THE DIPLOMAT, a journ On the neck with it; you know all that jazz about NFFF, WARS, etc. with the exception that Entropy Press has gone the way of all Entropy, and we are now WARS Press. So much for introductions.

1967BD: WRAP-UP, RE-CAP, RE-READ, BUT NO VICTORY STATEMENT or SEE JEFF MOVE.

At the right you will see a supply cen- SUPPLY CENTER YEAR CHART

ter year chart. The seven countries are listed with the number of supply centers that they control at the end of each year for the duration of the game. The * means that, although the Russian had 11 centers in 1906, he did not build to capacity.

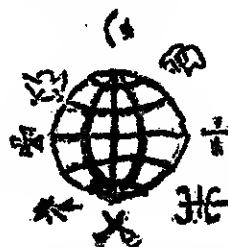
	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
E:	5	6	6	5	6	6	2	
F:	3	2	2	3	4	5	4	
G:	5	5	5	6	4	1	1	1
I:	5	6	5	2				
A:	5	5	7	9	10	11	14	17
R:	6	6	8	9	10	11*	13	16
T:	4	3	2					

1967BD was an institution in itself. Since it was the only postal

game that was known to us, we put a great deal into the playing of it. In fact, I put more into that one game, than I put in on all the games I am in now. All the others put in a great deal of time and this was while Bruce Cecil (Italy) was going through Basic Training, and Joe Hawkins was teaching artillery at Ft. Sill. These pressures caused the two of them to resign their positions, but Joe, who was playing France, replaced himself with Bob Foster after the Spring move of 1903.

At first, THE DIPLOMAT was nothing but a form letter, and the game was nothing but the moves themselves. But two changes worked themselves into the game. With the third proclamation from Paoli, the letters became THE DIPLOMAT, and the players started putting a great deal of style into their letters. Joe started it. After the first move, all Official mail from the Republic of France bore the seal reproduced below. This led to a rash of such stuff as onion-skin paper, etc. One other change appeared after the Spring 1902 move. On April Fool's Day, Jeff published the first issue of THE VOICE OF VIENNA, so that players could write press releases. This was still a month before any of us even knew about the rest of the postal Diplomacy world. THE DIPLOMAT has grown a little since then; THE VOICE sans Vienna has grown a lot, but the first few years of 1967BD will always be what I remember best. Now that I'm so busy with so many other things, and do not have as much time for any one, I look back and wish that life was still as simple as it was during the first moves of BD.

Reproduced below are four of the designs that we included in our letters. On the left is Jeff's double-eagle, which he designed himself after the real one. Next is the seal of the Republic of France, designed by Joe. Third is the official sign of the Co-ordinator (or Gamesmaster), which I used once or twice for letters of a nature that I did not want them confused with Russia's. Finally, we have the Russian double-eagles. I am not so original as Jeff, so I copied mine from the flag of the house of Romanov. The red stripe is supposed to be orange, but there are no orange carbons. Jeff may have a victory statement in I30. (He may not.)



AUSTRIA(VON METZKE?)	GERMANY(REITER?)	TURKEY(FLEMMING)	FRANCE(ST CYR)
1A Tri	1A Hol	1A Rum S-2A	1A Rob-Bol
2A Ser	2A Sil	2A Bul S-1A	2A Har-Pie (S)
3A Tro	3A Ber	3A Arm-Sev	3A Pic-Bel (S)
4A Vie	1F Pin	1F Bla S-3A	4A Bur S-3A
1F Gre	2F Bal	2F Aeg S-2A	1F Spas-Wes (S)
			2F Mid-Haf
ENGLAND(BRADLEY)	ITALY(CAREY)	RUSSIA(WITT)	
1A Nwy-Stp	1A Ven (H)	1A Boh-Mun	
1F Wes-Spasc (S)	2A Pie S-1A (C)	2A Gal S-2F	
2F NoS-Bel (S)	1F Tun (H)	1F Swe-Den	
3F Eng S-2F	2F Ion S-Alf	2F Sev-Kum (X)	

Austria NO CHANGE; England takes Stp. BUILD ONE; Germany MAXE loses Mun, REMOVE ONE; Italy NO CHANGE; Turkey takes Sev BUILD ONE; France NO CHANGE. Russia takes Mun, Den, loses Stp, Sev, 2F (X) BUILD ONE.

PRUSS

Sevastapol: John the Golden, Grand Emir of Turkey announced today that the name of the Black Sea was being changed to the Turkish Lake. The Turkish Emperor was in Sevastapol today to commemorate the recapturing of that city from the Russian Pretender. "Might as well call it the Turkish Lake," the Emperor was quoted as saying, "...after all, we control all the land around it." The Emperor's announcement came at a state dinner to which both the German and Austrian Emperors had been invited. /*So that's where they were when they were supposed to be commanding their troops*/ The main course of the dinner was roast Russian Goose.

London: His Supreme and Adulterous Majesty, James VII today attempted harikari on the lawn of Winsor Palace in a vain attempt to keep his wife from discovering him. Fortunately the family physician, Ronald the Leech, found the King just prior to the fatal step. The King has declared that he has lost between the sheets. He refuses to clarify further his reasons for this alleged suicide. /*This release was left over from last issue. ewj*/

London: /*Left over from last time*/ The Third Royal Fleet was launched today by the Prince of Wales, in the absence of his majesty the King, who was reported recovering from a slight heart attack. The ships sailed from sight playing the "Flying Dutchman" theme due to a mis-reading of the program notes which suggested the use of the King's private theme. Ah, but it was a beautiful sight!

POETRY (ORONER)

on and on the treadmill's turning
vicious cycles ever roll
birth to death it wheels us ever
though escape we may be yearning
pushes us to impending doom
feel the force it ceases never
felling all who try to sway it
crushing those who fear its boom
smashing with its awful power
breaking all who try to stay it
driving men through mire and muck
do they stand or do they cower
makes no difference what they do
drives men for the mighty buck
drives men then attracts its toll
driving him and

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AUSTRIA SURVIVES TRI-POWER ATTACKS; OTHERS EVEN UP

Fall, 1902

AUSTRIA(GEMIGNANI)	FRANCE(ANSOFF!)	ITALY(OLLILA)	RUSSIA(BOGGS)
1A Tri	1A Pic S-2A	1A Ven-Tri (S)	1A Rum S-T-1A
2A Alb-Bud (S)	2A Bur-Bel (S)	2A Vic S-1A	2A Bud-Tri
	3A Par-Bur (S)	1F Gre-Ion	3A Stp-Nwy (S)
ENGLAND(COCHRAN)	1F Por-Spa sc	2F Ion-Tun	4A War-Gal
1A Nwy-Stp (S)			5A Fin S-3A
1F Ska-Swe	GERMANY(COWAN)	TURKEY(RUBIN)	2F Bla (H)
2F Bar S-1A	1A Mun-Sil	1A Ser S-R-2A	3F Swe S-3A (C,Bal)
3F NoS-Nwy (S)	2A Ruh S-1F	2A Con-Bul	
	1F Bel (H)	1F Bulsc-Gre	
	2F Den S-E-1F	2F Aeg S-1F	

Austria loses Ser REMOVE ONE; Russia ~~XXXXXXXX~~ loses Swe REMOVE ONE;
England gains Swe BUILD ONE; France gains Spa BUILD ONE; Turkey gains
Ser, Gre BUILD TWO; Germany takes Den, Bel BUILD TWO; Italy takes Tun
BUILD ONE.

TRASH RELEASES

(Reuters inquiry to Trieste office): The lady did say 'charivar', didn't she?
From this end it would appear that charivary is alive and kicking in Vienna.

Trieste Russia: Iword make a deal..anhonest deal! NSG Thanks, I don't
believe him!

CONSTANTINOPLE (30 Sept 1902): Utter chaos in Balkans? Why everything is
perfectly in order! Yellow is going forward and green is going backward.
What's so chaotic about that?

ATHENS (25 Oct 1902): The yellow hordes go marching out,
(ta tum, ta tum)
Our enemies will flee in rout!
(ta tum, ta tum)
Their front line troops will turn about
Their women being raped will shout
And we'll all feel gay as yellow goes marching out.

BAOLI: Who's Gay?

CONSTANTINOPLE to Trieste: We lied to each other, honey. Let's make up.

CONSTANTINOPLE: T is for the terror they strike in your heart.
U is for UNSTOPPABLE, their motto.
R is for Rich Rubin, who leads them.
K is for killing, their favorite sport.
E is for Endless, the extent of their domain.
Y is for Yellow, their color.
Put them all together they spell TURKEY,
Look out; you may be next.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: Cliff Ollila has dropped this game and has appointed
his own replacement: Ken Fletcher, 1501 Breda Ave, St Paul, Minn; and he
will take over for winter replacements.

ADRESS CHANGES

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- 23. Hal Naus, 1101 Barrett Ave, Omaha, Neb, 68102 (T)
- 33. John J. Seman, 821 McKinley, Bedford, Ohio, 44014 (P)
- 35. Sid Witt, box 309, Maud, Okla, 74854 (R2)
- 36. Norman Einkham, General Delivery, Fort Churchill, Manitoba, Canada (T)
- 10.5 Ken Fletcher, 1501 Breda Ave, St Paul, Minn, (I3)
- 1. Peter Ansoff, 1824 Laurel Ridge Drive, Nashville, Tenn, 37215 (F3)
- 34. Rod Walker, 4309 Adams Ave, San Diego, Cal, 92116 (T)
- 6. Chuck Carey, 323 Echols House, Station Number 1, Charlottesville, Va, 22903 (I2)

In addition, Terry Kuch's number is 17.5; Bill McDuffie is 19.5; and Rob Perkins is 26.5. Finally, Key (#15) and Von Metzke (#32) have moved, but I know not where. Also Reiter (#28).

MORE ABOUT I27

Well, I tried. But it isn't going to work. I confess: I published it. I had two purposes in mind when I did it. First of all, I wanted to have some more fun with the Wonderful World of Diplomacy, and secondly, I wanted to see who was on his toes. Of course, the moves were not the same as those submitted by the players, and I wanted to see what the reaction would be. Out of 16 players in 3 games only 4 wrote me to tell me that I had made an "error" on their moves. One player (who will obviously go unnamed) even sent in orders based on the results in I27.

This is crazy. A player should keep track of what moves he made. If a game means anything to him, he should know when a Gamesmaster makes a mistake. Yet only 25% of the players were able to spot the differences. This has something to say about the quality of players in THE DIPLOMAT.

The clues given in the last issue of THE VOICE were each one syllable of the name Rodney C. Walker. I wish to apologise (or something like that) for those of you who were confused or put out by the fake.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September, 26

WINTER BUILDS/REMOVALS are due here in Paoli ~~Magazines~~. As soon as possible

I plan to set up my deadlines to coincide with those of THE VOICE.

Jeff and I will most likely type up both issues at the same time.

So you can expect that THE DIPLOMAT will continue to be a little slow until we can work this out.

TELEPHONE CALLS can no longer be made to me since I no longer have a phone.

The Phone Company finally carried out their threat to cut me off. I plan to pay off my bill at about \$10.00 per month. At that rate, phone service will resume about April, 1971.

JEFF KEY is in the process of moving to Oklahoma City, so those interested in WARS should get in touch so we can plan organizations.

GAMES OF REGULAR postal Diplomacy are still open. If you have a friend who wants to start a game, let him know about this ASAP. Game fee is \$5 or \$4 for regular NFFF Games Bureau members. Why not join the Bureau? It costs the same either way, and it assures you discounts in future games in any Bureau affiliate magazines.

THE LIMBOURG GAZETTE and Bi-Monthly Almanac has announced that it is not going to continue publishing regular issues. I want to take this chance to say how much I will miss this 'zine. In four issues it has impressed me as a very well done publication, and I will feel its loss.

THE DIPLOMAT

THIS IS OUR GALT
ISSUE NUMBER 30!

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26 September, 1969

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This is THE DIPLOMAT, a journal of polysyllabic pooh-bah and other wanderings of the mind of Eric Just, box 131, Paoli, Oklahoma 73074 and is affiliated for some reason known only to Don Miller, 12315 Judson road, Wheaton Maryland 20906, and Rod Walker, 5058 Hawley Drive, San Diego, California 92116 to the NFFF of which they are the Games Bureau Head, and Diplomacy Division Director, irrespectively, membership in which can be had for the small sum of a george, that is to say the tenth part of a saw-buck, which gets you discounts on games (as accounted below) and entitles you to other such goodies as you may wish to partake of; and is published by WARS Press, and any playback of material contained here-in is strictly encouraged without the approval of the National Football League.

1967BD JEFF PREPARES NO VICTORY STATEMENT. JEFF SAYS MAYBE NEXT TIME. MAYBE NOT. WHO KNOWS?

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NATIONS PREPARE FOR LAND WAR

Winter, 1902

AUSTRIA(VON MEZKE) NMR; ENGLAND(BRADLEY) BUILD A EDI; GERMANY(NEITHER) NMR GM REMOVE F FIN; ITALY(CARNEY) NMR; TURKEY(FLEMING) BUILD A CON; RUSSIA(WITT) BUILD A MOS; FRANCE(S' CYR) NMR.

Austria: 1A Tri, 2A Ser, 3A Tro, 4A Vie, 1F Gre. England: 1A Stp, 2A Edi, 1F Wes, 2F NoS, 3F Eng. Germany: 1A Hol, 2A Sil, 3A Ber, 2F Bal. Italy: 1A Ven, 2A Pic, 1F Tun, 2F Ion. Turkey: 1A Rum, 2A Bul, 3A Sev, 4A Con, 1F bla, 2F Aeg. Russia: 1A Mun, 2A Gal, 3A Mos, 1F Den. France: 1A Hol, 2A Mar, 3A Pic, 4A Bur, 1F Spa sc, 2F Naf.

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NATIONS PREPARE FOR SEA WAR

Winter, 1902

AUSTRIA(GEMIGNANI) NMR GM REMOVE A ALB; ENGLAND(COCHRAN) BUILD FLEET LON; FRANCE(ANSOFF) BUILD F MAR; GERMANY(COWAN) BUILD A MUN, F KIE; ITALY(~~WITT~~)(FLETCHER) BUILD F NAP; TURKEY(RUBIN) BUILD F CON, F SMY; RUSSIA(BOGGS) REMOVE F BLA.

Austria: 1A Tri. England: 1A Nwy, 1F Swe, 2F Bar, 3F NoS, 4F Lon. France: 1A Pic, 2A Bur, 3A Par, 1F Spa sc, 2F Mar. Germany: 1A Sil, 2A Ruh, 3A Mun, 1F Bel, 2F Den, 3F Kie. Italy: 1A Ven, 2A Vie, 1F Ion, 2F Tun, 3F Nap. Turkey: 1A Ser, 2A Bul, 1F Gre, 2F Aeg, 3F Con, 4F Smy. Russia: 1A Rum, XXXXX, 3A Stp, 4A Gal, 2A Bud, 5A Fin, 1F Bal.

PRESSED DUCK

Paris to Constantinople: Thanks for your advice. Note, however, that the capital of this country is Paris, not Constantinople, and that all foreign policy shall be decided accordingly.

ROME(20 December 1902): Rome awoke this crisp winter morning to find the huge dirigible fleet of the Air Lord, Count Von Zagat, moored to the taller buildings of the city, with the largest cluster of airships floating downwind of St Peter's dome. Spokesman for the new Italian government is Krown Prinz Ingen, who hasn't been seen around Diplomacy circles in a long time. "Just taking a short break from my many valiant rear-guard strategical victories," the Krown Prinz commented. "The Italian people will be glad to hear that the former government Clif Ollila, though forced to resign for reasons of health, is on his way to health in a health spa in Berne, Switzerland. He was last seen in the company of spa attendants, a band of 6-foot frogs. /Was that a marching band or a hopping band?/ Your new government has the hopes for his speedy recovery. Any rumors you have been hearing about the involvement of the International Swiss Conspiracy are all lies."

The Krown Prinz has been authorized to pass on the Air Captains' statements on forthcoming Italian foreign policy: "We've got to stop meeting like this, Peggy--Rod walker is getting suspicious!... Italy regards the French move to the South Coast of Spain, a direct threat to the homeland. Coupled with the build we expect in marseilles the movement of the

French Fleet is tantamount to an Act of War. If you want normal, neutral relations with Italy, Pete, you'd better reconsider your upcoming sets of moves very carefully...As for "Turkey," the Crown Prinz said on his way to his zeppelin Harlan Ellison, "they should be advised that I am taking personal command of the newly launched Italian 3rd Fleet, on the flagship Svinehund."

NAPLES (31 December, 1902): Long live the 2nd Italian Republic!

Long live the ~~Intercontinental~~ Lords of the Air!

Long live Crown Prinz Angen, Returned from Zero Supply Centers!

—a toast of the Italian 3rd Fleet—

PAOLI: Ashes to ashes and Zero Supply Centers to...

SPRING MOVES are due 17 October. In Paoli, NO to Jeff, even though I send this out in WARS Press Envelopes.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

LARRY ST CYR: Dear Eric, I presume that you are referring to me when you said, "One player even sent in orders based on the results in 127." in the latest issue of THE DIPLOMAT.

I will answer this accusation. First, I have approximately fifty regular and variant games of Diplomacy going, as well as the one I am running. Second, I am in my freshman year of college. Third, your magazine comes in approximately every three to four weeks, sometimes more. With these circumstances, it is hard to see how I can keep track of my moves I send in. I admit that the moves you published looked slightly funny to me, but I thought that that was due to the length of time between when I sent them in and the time the issue came. I never thought that you would be dumb enough to publish a fake DIPLOMAT, the real one's bad enough.

/*The following is part of a two page reply I sent to Larry*/ Dear Larry, I also said, "A player should keep track of what moves he made. If a game means anything to him, he should know when a Gamesmaster makes a mistake." How much does a game mean to a player? Well in your case, with 50 games, you must have paid a game fee for many of those games, and since the average is about \$3 per game, you must have about \$150.00 invested in the games in fees, alone. Now figuring the cost of a letter at about 8¢, and figuring that a player will write notes to three players and the Gamesmaster each move, and figuring about 17 game moves per year, this comes to \$5.44 per game, per year. Or for you, with 50 games, this comes to an extra \$272 per year to keep it going. Then there's the matter of time. Say you spend 1/2 hour per game move. This comes to 25 hours per move or about one day out of every 20.

/*In my letter I made mistakes in calculation which made these figures too small.*/

Well, anyway, you are spending \$150 plus \$272 per year, and 5% of your time, and you cannot see the need for keeping records? This is a costly business you have going, and it should be worth your while to keep records. You could get manila folders, and keep carbon copies of your moves. This wouldn't take much time, relatively speaking, and it would help to protect your investment.

Admittedly, THE DIPLOMAT has been irregular, but that is improving. Your last line indicates that you do not (to say the least) hold it in high esteem. I assure you that the feeling is NOT mutual. From what I've seen you could be one of the best tacticians around, but tactics is not enough. You must also have a great deal of strategic, and diplomatic ability to get ahead in this game. I think you could have these qualities, too, if you only kept records.

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